<u>REMARKS</u>

Figs. 2 and 3 have been amended to overcome the outstanding objections.

Withdrawal is requested.

Claim 2 has been amended as suggested, to overcome the claim objection in

paragraph 4 of the office action. Reference characters have been added to the claims to

overcome the objection in paragraph 5 of the office action. Withdrawal is requested.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under § 112. The claims have been amended to

overcome these rejections, without narrowing the scope of the claims. Withdrawal is

requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for

allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if

an interview would expedite prosecution.

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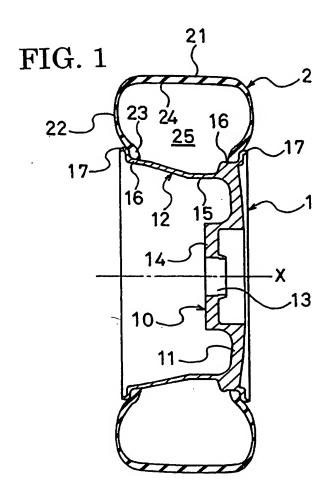
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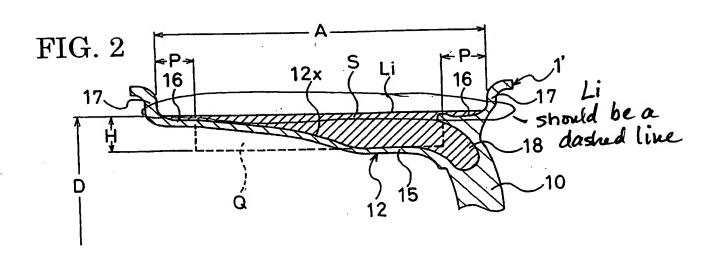
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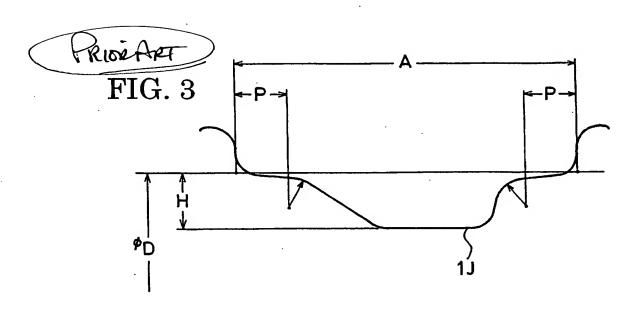


FIG. 4

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